

MN-601: Foundations of Christian Leadership University of Dubuque

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DESCRIPTION	This course introduces a Christian understanding of the theory and practice of leadership focusing on four core aspects of leadership: practices, organization, environment, and God's sovereignty. It examines Biblical and theological concepts of leadership, explores modern understandings of leadership, and applies these concepts and understandings to missional contexts.
OBJECTIVES	Master of Arts in Christian Leadership (MACL) Course Learning Outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduce the Biblical and theological foundations of the practice of leadership. <i>Assessment: Weekly Discussion/Responses God's Sovereignty and Human Leadership</i>2. Integrate contemporary theories of leadership into a holistic framework. <i>Assessment: Weekly Discussion/Responses Personal Practice of Leadership Organization Impact on Leadership Greater Environment and Leadership</i>3. Articulate a missionally-oriented commitment to a Christian leadership. <i>Assessment: Weekly Discussion/Responses Personal Practice of Leadership Organization Impact on Leadership Greater Environment and Leadership God's Sovereignty and Human Leadership</i> Master of Divinity (MDiv) Course Learning Outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Engage contemporary theological and ethical issues with insight and humility. <i>Assessment: Weekly Discussion/Responses Greater Environment and Leadership God's Sovereignty and Human Leadership</i>2. Educate and equip individuals and congregations to live and minister joyfully and faithfully as part of their own denomination and the ecumenical church. <i>Assessment: Weekly Discussion/Responses Personal Practice of Leadership</i>

Organization Impact on Leadership
Greater Environment and Leadership
God's Sovereignty and Human Leadership

3. Integrate theology and practice in all areas of life and ministry.

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MACL Program Goals Met by this Course:

1. Identify and interpret key themes from the Christian scriptures. (Reinforced)
2. Articulate key theological affirmations of the church's theological tradition. (Reinforced)
3. Develop a missional strategy with attention to a particular cultural context. (Reinforced)
4. Articulate a coherent personal philosophy of Christian leadership. (Introduce and Reinforce)

RESOURCES

Craig, Nick. *Leading from Purpose*. New York: Hachette Book Group, 2018. ISBN 978-0316416245

Brown, Brene. *Dare to Lead*. New York: Random House, 2018. ISBN 978-0399592522

Nouwen, Henri. *In the Name of Jesus*. New York: Crossroad Publishing, 1989. ISBN 978-0824512590

Bolsinger, Tod. *Canoeing the Mountains*. Downers Grove, Ill.: Intervarsity Press, 2015. ISBN 978-0830841264

In addition, each student will read and analyze a book of Scripture selected in consultation with the instructor.

Other video and written resources will be provided online.

REQUIREMENTS

Weekly Responses to Readings/Lectures	20%
Personal Practices of Leadership	20%
Organizational Impact on Leadership	20%
Greater Environment and Leadership	20%
God's Sovereignty and human Leadership	<u>20%</u>
	100%

GRADING SCALE

3 Credits; Letter grade only	A 93-100	C 73-76
	A- 90-92	C- 70-72
	B+ 87-89	D+ 67-69
	B 83-86	D 63-66
	B- 80-82	D- 60-62
	C+ 77-79	F below 60

TOPICAL SCHEDULE

- I. Introduction to Christian Leadership
 - A. What is leadership?
 - B. Traits
 - C. Styles
- II. Personal Practice of Leadership
 - A. What is your purpose?
- III. Organizational Impact on Leadership
 - A. Leading others
- IV. Greater Environment and Leadership
 - A. Organizational lifecycle model
 - B. Observe-Orient-Decide-Act
 - C. Technical and Adaptive Competence
- V. God's Sovereignty and Human Leadership
 - A. Leading while following